



***District of Columbia***  
***Interagency Council on Homelessness***



***ERSO Committee***  
***February 26, 2020***

# Meeting Agenda



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  - I. Shelter Updates
  - II. Hypothermia Check-in
  - III. Work Plan + Work Group Updates
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  - II. Shelter Program Rules Feedback
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# Shelter Updates



- ❖ Emery House
  - Construction Timeline
- ❖ 801 East
  - Groundbreaking
  - Second Workforce on Wheels event
- ❖ Employment Information - Census Jobs
  - Shared to Shelter, Outreach List Serve, and Vet Providers
    - ✓ Full & Part Time Positions Available
    - ✓ Hourly Salary: \$20 - \$27.50
    - ✓ Apply Now at: [2020census.gov/jobs](https://2020census.gov/jobs)

# Hypothermia Check in



❖ Your feedback?

# Work Plan Timeline



- ❖ With new priorities coming out of Homeward DC 2.0
  - Committees have been task to develop work plans (in March) that reflect these priorities as well as other stated duties.
  - We will gain feedback today and then draft a work plan to be reviewed in March
  - Work Plan will be reviewed by Executive Committee in April.

# Work Plan Questions



- ❖ Outputs of ERSO
  - Winter Plan
  - Heat Plan
  - Review of fair hearings & administrative reviews and shelter monitoring data (through shelter conditions)
- ❖ What is missing?
  - Think about Work Groups
- ❖ What is duplicative?
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# Heat Plan



- ❖ 2019 Heat Plan had a dedicated chapter
  - We plan to do the same this year per the January Feedback from ERSO
- ❖ Review Map of Cooling Centers
  - Discuss feedback
- ❖ March Meeting - come prepared with feedback on the Heat Plan draft

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# Rethinking Program Rules



## ❖ Temporary Beds

- A number of the topics discuss “Temporary Beds”
  - ✓ Beds that may be accessible throughout the day/night and once an individual has a bed, they can keep their bed until they exit from the program.
  - ✓ May have additional expectations.
  - ✓ At 801 we will be focusing on two types of temporary beds:
    - Work Beds
    - Elderly/Disabled Beds (Mobility Issues)

# Areas for Feedback



- ❖ Prioritization for temporary beds, due to limited numbers
- ❖ Assigning beds in low barrier shelters to create a calmer atmosphere
  - With smaller dorms and more floors, we may be able to better match people with similar needs
- ❖ Storage policies
  - How much stuff can people have with them? The 2 bag rule was based on available space. If space changes, our policies should change. What's appropriate?
  - Can people in the low barrier shelter leave things over night in foot lockers? What happens if they don't return the next night?
- ❖ Kitchen/food rules (especially in the work bed dorms)
  - Can you have food in the dorm area? Or only in the kitchenette/lounge? What about food storage? Who's responsible for cleaning the fridge out? How do you know when it's ok to throw things?
- ❖ Hygiene issues
  - What happens when someone refuses to shower or refuses treatment for lice or other bugs?

# Areas for Feedback (Con't)



- ❖ Expectations related to cleaning up after yourself in shared areas (especially in the kitchenette or family-style bathroom)
- ❖ Medication management/distribution
- ❖ Mail management
- ❖ Rights and Responsibilities for Temporary Beds
  - Review HSRA ahead of time
  - Expectations regarding participation in case management and working on an exit plan. What happens when clients are not meeting these expectations?
- ❖ Access to different parts of the building
  - How do people move from the main floor to their floor? Fob access? Do staff have to operate the elevators?
- ❖ Mixed gender spaces
  - Expectations related to self-management, ensuring safety for everyone, etc.

# Today's Focus



- ❖ Mixed gender spaces
  - Expectations related to self-management, ensuring safety for everyone, etc. By floor, communal spaced etc.

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